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SUBJ: SOMALI REACTION TO KRAFT VISIT

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1. UNTIL WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ WHAT COLUMNIST JOSEPH KRAFT WROTE BASED ON HIS STAY IN SOMALIA, AND THE CABLE FROM AMBASSADOR ADDOU TO AMBASSADOR LOUGHRAN ARRIVES, WE ARE INCLINED TO SIT TIGHT. SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT BOTH THE AMBASSADOR AND PAO INVESTED A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT TO MAKE KRAFT'S STAY HERE AS PLEASANT AND PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE. HE ARRIVED ON THE MORNING OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP. IN SPITE OF THIS HE WAS RECEIVED BY A NUMBER OF RANKING SOMALIS. WHAT RANKLED, CLEARLY, WAS SIAD'S FAILURE TO RECEIVE HIM. OUR INFORMATION IS THAT KRAFT DID ATTEND THE INFORMATION MINISTER'S DINNER, BUT THOUGHT HE WAS BEING PUT THAT EVENING IN THE DEEP FREEZE INSTEAD OF IN SIAD'S OFFICE WHERE HE WANTED TO BE.

2. A NUMBER OF EGOS WERE OBVIOUSLY BRUISED IN WHATEVER EXCHANGES TOOK PLACE BETWEEN KRAFT AND SOMALI OFFICIALDOM. THERE MAY NOT BE MUCH WE CAN USEFULLY DO ABOUT IT, BUT WHEN WE HAVE ALL THE FACTS WE SHALL SEE.

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3. THE DEPT MAY WISH TO PASS THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE TO THE APPROPRIATE USICA DESK.
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